MR. GRIMES' DEFENCE His Hearing Begun Before the Common Council Last Night.

WHOLE NUMBER, 13,929.

STATEMENT OF HIS ATTORNEYS. Mr. Munford Reads an Able Paper Re-

plying to the Charges. SEVERAL WITNESSES TESTIFY.

Daly the Shell Matter Gone Into-

tract Was Honestly Performed-

Examination to Continue To-Night.

tal session last night at 8 o'clock for the be Il. Grimes, the Marshall-Ward memthe works at usurious rates of interest. taking orders on their wages for the

lengthy and interesting one. The Council ber of friends of Mr. Grimes, The Mar-



MR. JOHN R. GRIMES.

shall-Ward Councilman was represented ! Hon. B. B. Munford, while the City

Mr. Munford, representing Mr.

Munford view of the investigation upon ch we are about to enter, that some on of Mr. Grimes with reference charges which have been pred against him, and I have been selected to discharge this duty. In the first place, while my associates and myself appear as the counsel for Mr. Grimes, yet we desire to state in the outset that we are not one whit less mindful of the importance of maintaining the fair mains of our city, and of methac out to those who transgress its laws a punishment commensurate with their offences, than are the members of this honorable body before whom at place, while my associates and d be permitted to pass un roment of the city canand lowering the standard of possibility and duty. But is true, it is also true that should not bring upon one sembers the odium and disgrac-ision, unless the offence with hed, and is of such a beinous char-as to warrant this, the maximum burent which this body can inflict. THE TWO INVESTIGATIONS.

consequence of revelations as to a committee of the Board to investigate the conduct of af-



MR. MARX GUNST. (Chairman of the Investigating Com-

mittee.) fairs in that department of our city Covernment. It is needless to recount
this presence the indignation which
the developments of that investigation
troused in this community, or to refer
to the losses sustained by the city in requence of the methods in vogue du-gethe administration of the late Su-intendent. Let me note, however, t. In connection with these frauds flastant and unquestioned—and of the indignation everywhere felt, we should

be mindful in dealing with the charges against Mr. Grimes that we do not al-low the knowledge of the offences committed by those in control of this department, and who are beyond the reach of the City Council, except by re-sort to the courts, to influence our action in dealing with charges against Barton Thought to Have Been Located elements of fraud or peculation which has so aroused the public sentiment against the officials in charge of the City

has so aroused the public sentiment against the officials in charge of the City Gas-Works.

"The special committee in charge of this investigation have submitted their report, and in this report are embodied four charges against Mr. Grimes, which charges he is by resolution accompanying said report now called upon to answer. It is further provided that he is to 'disprove the truth of the charges so preferred,' and in the event of his failure, this body is called upon to expel him from its membership. Without pausing to allude to the peculiar character of this recommendation, or to the fact that the committee, which on ex parte evidence has preferred these charges, now sits in judgment to establish their veriacity, we pass to an immediate consideration of the charges referred to. They are four in number.

"I. That he violated the city ordinances "I. That he violated the city ordinances forbidding employees to give orders on their wages, by taking such orders. With reference to this charge it may be stated that in the full of 1894 an ordinance was parsed forbidding employees of the city from giving orders for salaries or wages due them by the city for their services. This ordinance, like a statute somewhat similar, enacted by the State forbidding garnishment process. regiment of any funds so loaned by paying him out of their wages received from the gas-works, should they actually render the services. No written orders twee ever given to the Superintendent in Mr. Grimes's favor. He loaned these people various sums of money at their repeated selectation, and requested the paymaster at the gas-works, in accordance with the premise of these employees when they drew their wages to pay him, to retain the same for his benefit—if such employees made no objection. Four persons were examined in connection with this matter—to wit: James E. Grace, Gitwelf Jordan, John T. Smith, and William Timberlake, and they each and all testified that they were never approached by Mr. Grimes with the view of lending them money; that in every instance they them money; that in every instance they iey when they were not employed at gas-works, and loaned it to them nout security and for which he re-

Without intending the slightest disrespect to the honorable committee who formulated this charge, it may be said, with all truthfulness, that neither the committee nor this Council has the slightest jurisdiction to call any of its members to account for lending money at what they are pleased to term unrious or cruel rates of interest. If Mr. Grimes or any other member of this Council, was expelled because he loaned money at usu-

enresents, and this view of the subj represents, and this view of the subjects is being taken by legislatures and law-makers and law-writers in all the most progressive sections of the country. The Supreme Court of Virginia has, by a recent decision, put the seal of its disapprobation upon the statutes which for-merly were believed to deal so harship with usury, and the Legislature which has just adjourned, if I am correctly informed, passed a law permitting pawnbrokers to charge 10 per cent, a month

not, nor never will, collect either princi-pal or interest; and so far, therefore, from its being an evidence of his cruelty and rapacity, his dealings with these, his former associates, is more an evidence of his consideration and charity—a conable to find among many other of their

FRAUDULENT SHELL CONTRACT

"3. The third charge is that, for his personal benefit he assisted in having a fraudulent contract for shells made with fraudulent confract for shells made with Mr, Smoot.' The meaning of this charge, we understand, is, briefly stated, that he was personally interested in the contract let by the city to Mr. George W. Smoot, for furnishing the city with a certain quantity of oyster-shells; that Mr. Grimes was interested in this contract he voluntarily acknowledged before the commitwas interested in this contract he voluntarily acknowledged before the committee, and he acknowledges here to-night that, under the law, it was improper for him to have had such interest. He denies, however, that because of his official position the city, by reason of this contract, lost a shilling. The evidence, uncontradicted, adduced before the committee, shows that for a period of some twenty-five years oyster-shells for use at the gas-works were furnished the city at a cost of 5 1-2 cents a bushel; that, in October, 1894, Mr. Smoot made an offer to furnish the same character of shells at the sum of 47-8c per bushel; and thus, it is unquestionably true that, while Mr. the sum of 4.7-8c. per bushel; and thus, it is unquestionably true that, while Mr. Grimes should not have been interested in this contract, as he was a member of the City Council, the contract was awarded Smoot not because of Mr. Grimes's position, but because his was the lowest bid, and that the Smoot bid enabled the city to secure these shells at a cost less than that which had theretafore been paid for to secure these shells at a cost less than that which had theretofore been paid for

"We are not here to condone Mr. Grimes's offence. We are here, however, to say that the expulsion from the membership of this body, for this techmembership of this body, for this technical violation of the statute—a violation which has not caused the loss of it to the city—would be out of all proportion to the offence. Had Mr. Grimes embezzled the city's money, had he participated in the profits of a contract by which the city lost thousands of dollars, the maximum of punishment which this body could have imposed would have been exculsion from its membership. It is neither just nor right to impose the maximum of punishment.

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MAY BE IN ARKANSAS

in Little Rock. SHERIFF SOLOMON AFTER HIM.

in the Southern State-The Linbillties and Assets Being Listed.

James H. Barton, the land agent who is for fraudulent real estate transactions, is thought to be in Little Rock, Ark., and the police of that city to try and locate

Mr. John L. Weatherford, of No. 2011 east Broad street, yesterday received a Jetter from a travelling man, a friend of his, Mr. James Ervin, who, writing from is back in town. I notice in the papers that he has done the people of Richmond up. He had some such transactions in this city some years ago, and I suppose he is back here to gather up the fagends of his affairs where he left off." WIRED THE AUTHORITIES.

Mr. Weatherford, as soon as he got this letter, communicated with Sheriff Solomon, and that official at once telegraphed to the Little Rock authorities to arrest Barton if he could be found. At a late jour last night Mr. Solomon had not heard from Little Rock. Barton was engaged in business in and

around Little Rock for several years before coming here. His wife has a brother and other relatives there. Mr. Miller, one of Barton's trustees and receivers, who also came from the Arkansas night, and asked if he thought it at all likely that Barton was in Little Rock. is as well known in Little Rock as he is in Richmond," said Mr. Miller, "and if he is avoiding arrest he would be in as much danger there as here." It is not at all unlikely that Earton has been in at all unlikely that Barton has Little Rock since he left Richmo LIABILITIES ARE GROWING.

The receivers of the Barton estate are rapidly getting the liabilities and assets listed, preparatory to making a report to the court. So far as they can now ascer-tain, the liabilities will reach about \$26.

There is much less exchement at raction Heights now than there has been at any time since the failure of its founder. New complications continue to arise, however. The latest phase of the case is that at least two houses are not built upon the land which was deeded to their owners. For instance, Mr. Garland Taylor erected a house in Brookland Park, one of Bartons civisions, and now he finds that his house is on another man's lot, and that he holds a deed to the vacant lot next door. Mr. Taylor's nearest neighbor has erected his house on a lot owned by Mr. T. A. Lamb. Mr. Taylor's lot still remains vacant. This matter will, of course, have to be adjusted, as the houses cannot be moved. ton's divisions, and now he finds that his

FIVE FAVORITES BEATEN.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—The favor-itez were beaten to-day in five out of the six events run off, and this gave the dozen bookmakers a chance to win some money. The single favorite to win was Maurice, in the handicap at a mile, which was the event of the day. The horse, who carried 123 pounds, went to the post at 4 to 5, and won easily from Lightfoot and Booze. The weather was warm, the track fast, and the attendance about 2,500

First race-six furlongs, selling-Begg (107, Ham, 4 to 1) won, with Tit for Ta second, and J. W. Cook third. Time

Rose (94, Gatewood, 20 to 1) won, with Dutch Arrow second, and Haroldine third.

Time, 1:21-2.

Third race—six furlongs—Lady Doleful (105, Gatewood, 4 to 1) won, with Nikita second and Gladioli third. Time, 1:15:1-2
Fourth race—handicap, one mile—Mau-rice (123, A. Clayton, 4 to 5) won. with Lightfoot second, and Booze third. Time Fifth race-six furlongs-Marden Pet

Gloc, Dunn, 8 to 1) won, with Bust Up se-cond, and Oak Forest third. Time, 1:161-2 Six race—six furlongs—Campania (10) Gatewood, 2 to 1) won, with Halloween second, and Curious third. Time, 1:161-4. SEVENTH DAY AT BIRMINGHAM BIRMINGHAM, ALA, March 23.-The seventh day of the Birmingham Jockey Club was well attended, notwithstand-ing the threatening weather, which pre-

vailed all the forenoon. In the first race the track was in fine condition, but be fore the second event started rain began falling, and it kept up the balance of the afternoon. The attendance was

First race-four and a half furlongs-Muskalong (92, Newcom, 2 to 1) won, with Sound Sense second, and Gainor third.

ond race-seven furiongs—Miss Per-97. Murphy. 2 to 1) won, with L. second, and Albert Sidney third. 1:331-2.

Time. 1:33 1-2.

Third race-mile and seventy yards—
Leonard E. (197. Barrett, 6 to 5) won,
with Masonic Home second, and Raffle
Boy third. Time. 1:52 1-2.

Fourth race-five furlongs—Barney
Aaron, Jr., (3 to 1) won, with Lady
Maud second. Lulu T. third. Time,
1:05 1-2.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Albert S. (168, Matthews, 1 to 2) won, with Rosland III. second, and Burley Leaf third. Time,

RAINES BILL SIGNED.

Provisions of New York's New Liquor-Tax Law.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.-Gover

Morton this morning signed the Raines liquor-tax bill. This bill, which was violently opposed This bill, which was violently opposed by the liquor interests, is designed to bring about a radical reform of excise laws. It does away with the excise boards in cities and towns, and gives the power to grant and revoke licenses to a single board under State control. It is expected that the new law will enormously reduce the number of saloons, bring clubs under a uniform II cense system, and protect churches and cense system, and protect churches and school-houses. It will also aid Sunday enforcement, as blinds will be kept up, and the bill provides for the forf-diture of licenses. Free lunches are also pro-

The principal argument against the keepers, chiefly those that sold only beer, would be forced out of business by the high license fee which the bill provides for, and that the measure was, there-fore, class legislation.

GARCIA'S BAIL FORFEITED.

Cases Against Other Alleged Fili-

husters Go Over Until Monday.

NEW YORK, March 22.—General Garcia, the Cuban leader, did not answer to his name this forenoon in the United States Circuit Court when he was called to plead to the indictment against him for his alleged connection with the steamship Bermuda alleged filibustering expedition, Owing to the illness of Judge Brown, Judge Lacombe was on the bench. The other men who were indicted—Bernardo J. Bueno, Captain Hughes, John D.

Hart, Captain Lawrence Brabazon, and B. J. Guerra, answered to their names when called.

After transacting some routine business

BIG M'KINLEY DEMONSTRATION.

After transacting some routine business the Court called General Garcia's name again. There being no response, the General's bail was declared forfeited, and the trial of the defendants was set down for Monday next. It was announced that should General Garcia appear and answer on that day the order cancelling his ball would be rescinded.

Lawyers Olcott, Irvine, and Ward, who represent the alleged filibusters who responded in court to-day, were anxious to proceed to trial at once, but this was opposed by United States District-Attorney McFarlane, who stated that the jail cases on the criminal calendar had not yet been disposed of, and until those in confinement had been tried all bail cases would be postponed. Judge Lacombe dewould be postponed. Judge Lacombe de-clared that the Cuban cases should go over until next Monday. Lawyer Irvine requested that a list of

the witnesses upon whose testimony the indictments had been found should be furnished to the counsel for the defence, but this was refused.

BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA. The Thackara Manufacturing Com-

pany Burned Out-Loss, \$250,000. PHILADELPHIA, March 23.-The sixstory brick and brownstone building at 1524 and 1526 Chestnut street was badly ing was mainly occupied by the Thackara Manufacturing Company, makers of electric fixtures. Besides the Thackara co pany, the building was only occupied the offices of two architects, Willis Hale and Lindley Johnson. The i started in the cellar from some cause

yet unknown, and had made fierce head-way through the building before the fire-men got to work. The firemen were slow in getting lines of hose on the fire, but they were handlcapped by a heavy snow-storm, which made the streets like ice, a political convention is something of a and caused the horses attached to the engines and hose-carts to slip and fall. When the fire started 250 men and wo-men were at work in the work-rooms of the Thackara company, on the upper floors, but all got out in safety. After two hours' hard work the fire was gotten under control.

was gotten under control.

The Thackara company's loss is about \$150,000, on which there is an insurance of \$87,000. The building is owned by William W. Wrightman, one of the largest property-owners in Philadelphia, and is probably damaged to the extent of \$100,000, Mr. Wrightman's loss is insured.

THIRTEEN MINERS KILLED. Gas Explosion at the Berwind-White

DUBOIS, PA., March 23.—There was a gas explosion at the Berwind-White this forenoon, and thirteen mine:s were killed. It is a new mine which the company has been opening up, and working pany has been opening up, and working crews in shafts to push the headings cut in various directions for foling work later on. Seventeen men went on at 7 o'clock this morning—thirteen going into the north heading and four into the south heading. About 10 o'clock the latter were sensible of a shock, and a few minutes later the mine-boss came to them and told them something had happened, and that they should get out as soon as they could. When the party—then consisting of five—reached the foot of the shaft, they were nearly overcome by gas, and were hurrically taken up in the cage. Assistance was immediately summoned, and practical miners from the Bell.

Lewis, and Ystes Company mines immediately volunteered their services.

Ten bodies have thus far been recovered. The other bodies are still in the mine, and the remains are being searched for, All the victims were residents of Dubels, and, with one exception, had families. fall last Friday, remained in his room all day, seeing few visitors. He hopes, how-ever, to be able to attend the convention. Mr. Hackett, who has been confined to his room with a severe cold for several days, says that he will call the convention

They Are Arraigned for the Murder of Pearl Bryan. NEWPORT, KY., March 23.-Jackson

days, says that he will call the convention to order.

The convention will assemble at noon, and, after the address of Senator Cornelius R. Parsons as temporary chairman, and the appointment of committees, a recess will be taken, probably until 8 P. M.

At the evening session, after the report of the Committee on Contested Seats, the permanent organization will be effected, with Congressman George R. Southwick as chairman. His address will be followed by the report of the Committee on Resolutions, after which the delegates at large to the national convention and their alternates will be chosen, and the and Walling were brought before Judge Helm this morning, that they might plead to the indiciment charging them Plummer had issued tickets of admission, so that when the case was called the court-room was only comfortably filed. There was an immense crowd of people in the lower halls of the court-house who wanted tickets, but they were doomed to disappointment.

At 10 o'clock the two leading attorneys

but a small part of the evening, but, after it is concluded, the convention will be re-solved into a ratification meeting. Ex-Senator J, Sloat Fassett, Edward Lauter-back, and other prominent orators of the party, are expected to speak. Hamilton, O., represented Walling, and L. J. Crawford represented Jackson. A sister and brother of Walling's were pre-

sister and brother of Walling's were pre-sent. When the prisoners were arraigned they pleaded not guilty.

Upon the demand of their attorneys an order was entered that the cases be tried sanguage. Luckson's will be placed tried separately. Jackson's will be placed on trial first, and April 7th was fixed as the date for his hearing. The prisoners were then taken to their cells.

POISON AND SHOOTING. Both Means of Suicide Used by a Pennsylvanian.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 23.-Dr. A. P. T. Grove, a well-known physician of Dal-50 years old, swallowed aconite, and then shot himself in the left temple at the Eushot himself in the left temple at the Eu-taw House this afternoon. He was taken to the Maryland University Hospital, where he died two hours later. The Doctor arrived at the hotel last night. This afternoon he was found in his

room in an unconscious condition. Be-side him lay a revolver, with one chamber

the would-be suicide's address, and asking that Max. Dulton, of York, Pa., be notified. The note also stated: ed. The note also stated:
"It pains me when I think of the misery

that it will cause my dear wife and chli-dren, but I cannot help it, as I have been ighting against a terrible feeling for the past two months."

THE CUBAN RESOLUTIONS. Senator Hale Thinks They Are Now

Finally Disposed Of. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.-Senator Hale, leader of the opposition to the Cuban resolutions, said this afternoon that he did not believe the conferrees could

that he did not believe the conferrees could agree upon a report that would be satisfactory to both houses. He rather looked upon the Cuban matter as finally disposed of, and said that it would probably now be left where it should have been left from the start—with the President.

This course would, Mr. Hale added, subserve the public good. With that out of the way, Congress would proceed with the appropriation bills, and when they were passed would go home. He predicts an adjournment as early as the middle of May.

THE S. A. L. AND ASHEVILLE. Offer for Charter of Railway

Through Hickorynut Gap. RALEIGH, N. C., March 23.—The Sea-poard Air-Line has made an offer to the French Broad railroad for a charter which it holds for a railway from Ashe-ville to Rutherfordton through Hickory-nut Gap. The matter will be decided

Too Tired to Sleep. Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate. The weariness from brain-work and the revous excitement is the most enervating fatigue there is. Horsford's Acid Phosphate quiets the nerves and induces leep. THE MORTON BOOM

New York To-Day.

Executive - Resolutions and

Platt and Other Party Machines.

NEW YORK, March 23 .- The prepara-

tions for the formal launching of the Mor-

ton boom were completed to-day, and

there is every indication that the senti-

will be voiced by to-morrow's convention

in a manner which will attract the at

tention of the nation. Notwithstanding the discomfort and uncertainty of travel-

thoroughly representative body of Re-

publicans ever met in this State than that

which will assemble to-morrow noon to

present New York's favorite son as a

candidate for President. Hundreds of

sands of the younger men, who compos

on either side by the State and city flags, occupies the position of honor above the proscenium such, but otherwise the decorations are entirely of the national

The arrangement of the details of the

work to be done by the convention has proceeded under unusual difficulties to-day, on account of the indisposition of ex-Senator Platt and Chairman Hackett, of the State Committee, Mr. Platt, whose

side is still sore from the effects of hi

their alternates will be chosen, and the presidential electors will be nominated. The business of the convention will occupy

M'KINLEY BOOM,

The McKinley boom in New York city was launched to-night at Cooper Union, and, although the weather was very inclement, and a miniature bilgzard was raging outside, the big hall was packed with people. In the centre of the platform was a cayon picture of ex-Governor Me-

one who was known as the proprietor of a Republican machine. "The voice of the country," said he, "is for McKinley, and it is not an un-

wise thing for us to support him.
"We believe, and we are answerable

for our nomice, that if that man gets nominated and elected, he will go into the

not correct in our conclusions it is not for want of taking pains to ascertain the truth. It is upon that ground primarily that we are here. It is McKinley against the machine, and it is the people against the machine through McKinley."

The name of Governor McKinley was

resolutions, which were adopted amid RESOLUTIONS.

Great Preparations for Its Launching in

RESOLUTIONS.

"Whereas, it is apparent that William McKinley is not only the logical candidate of the Republican party for President, but also the choice of a large majority of the Republicans; and

"Whereas, the chief obstacle in the way of his nomination in the coming convention seems to be a combination of political bosses, including the leader of the New York State machine, who oppose Mr. McKinley because of his stendfast refusal to compily with their demands to mortgage the presidency in their interests; and

"Whereas, there is reason to believe

Whereas, there is reason to believe whereas, there is reason to believe that if for any reason Governor Morton cannot be nominated, persons who try to maintain a proprietary interest in the party organization and control its action throughout the State will represent the vtote of the delegation from this State as thenceforward a perquisite to be disment of the Empire State Republicans

> ley be nominated against its wishes, would be compelled to look elsewhe for support in his canvas than to t for support in his canvas than to the so-called regular party organization in this State: therefore, be it "Resolved, That we, Republicans of the city and State of New York, in mass-meeting assembled, organize ourselves into a political body, to be known as the

men who have for many years participated in the councils of the party, and thouleague's activity shall be to procure, by all lawful and honorable means, the nomi-nation of Mr. McKinley at St. Louis, and his election at the polls in November. "Resolved, That the immediate work of localities, are gathered here to testify to their admiration for Governor Morton. New York entertains many visiting

carrying into effect these resolutions be placed in the hands of a committee or organization to be elected here to-night, and the said committee to consist of not statesmen and politicians every day, but less than fifteen members.

their national and State campaigns from this city, they have been in the habit of going elsewhere to nominate their mined effort be made to show the bosses or would-be bosses what the thorough-going Republicans of New York want and mean to have. There was no mis-taking, he said, the trend of public sencandidates. Whether or not it was considered by the committee in naming New York as the place of this convention, it is thought fitting by many of the delegates that the metropolis with whose timent all over the country in favor of McKinley, and it was the purpose of the resolutions to crystallize the overwhelm-ing sentiment of the city and State of New York in support of William Mcsocial and commercial life Levi P. Morton has been so intimately associated should be the starting point of his formal entrance of the field as a presidential candidate.

The holding of a convention in New

General Swayne then selected the gen-tlemen who will form the Executive Com-

The holding of a convention in New York is as much of a novelty to the delegates as to the city. Instead of being confined to one or two hotels, they have scores from which to choose, and the result is such a scattering of the visitors that it is difficult for them to realize that they are attending a State convention. They seem to enjoy the new experience of plenty of elbow-room and breathing space. The pleasure of their visit has been somewhat marred, however, by the bad weather. Since noon today it has been snowing hard, and from present appearances, to-morrow will be equally disagreeable.

SPACIOUS AUDITORIUM.

The Grand Central Palace, at the corner of Lexington avenue and Forty-third street, in which the convention will be held, is a spacious auditorium, with two galleries and, as arranged for this occasion, will have a scating capacity of 6,000 people.

Kinley.

General Swayne then selected the gentlemen who will form the Executive Committee.

VOICE FROM THE ? .UTH.

Edward Meade, of Texas, who was next introduced, said the South would do tiss share to nominate and elect William McKinley. The South was now prepared to endorse protection, and would vote solidly for McKinley at the St. Louis convention.

Among the other speakers were the Hon. George E. Matthews, of Buffalo, and Mr. A. H. Steele, Deputy Commissioner of Public-Works in this city.

The singing of "America" by the audience and a glee club brought the meeting to a close.

THE COLORED CONTINGENT.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Two hundred colored Republicans of the city met tonight in Adelphi Hall under the auspices of the colored Republican county organization, and adopted resolutions in support of the candidacy of Hon. Lev! P. Morton for the Republican presidential nomination. C. F. Butler, president of the organization, Caleb A. Sihns, W. A. Andiersen, private secretary to State-Treasurer Calvin, and others made speeches.

Another Maryland Legislator Dead.
BALTIMORE, MD., March 22.—Mr. George T. Truett, a member of the House of Delegates from Wicomico county, died last night at his home, in Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days of typhoid-poeumonia. Mr. Truett was engaged in the lumber business at Pittsville. He has been ill for some days

Bleveler Banker Not Dead. PARIS, March 23.—The Paris Herald says that the rumor of the death of George A. Banker, the American bicyclerider, which was widely circulated and published here yesterday, is untrue. A dispatch from Nice to the Herald says that Parker is secondly ill with

fever, but the crisis seems to have passed, and there are hopes of his recovery. Hawaiian Portuguese Dissatisfied. March 23.-Honolulu

VICTORIA, B. C., March 23.—Honolulu advices dated March 15th state that a movement has just started among the Portuguese settlers in Hawaii, having for its object their removal to the Portuguese possessions in Africa, or the antipodes. They feel crowded by the Japanese labor competition. The Portuguese Consul appears to favor the movement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The House Committee on the Election of President and Vice-President, through Mr. John B. Corliss, of Michigan, has favorably reported a bill to provide for the election of United States senators by the

An Open Letter. (Communicated.)

Richmond, Va., March 23, 1896. Mr. Jacob Gans, Treasurer, Richmond,

Kinley. The picture had a frame made of tin-plate, to remind the audience of what McKinley had done for the "tin in-dustry" in the United States. At the bot-tom of the picture was a banner, on which was inscribed the following: "The Anti-Machine Republican Organization of the City and County of New York."

On the right of the platform was a ban-per on which was a "tible the worse." Va.: Dear Sir,-You will always find us among the number in Richmond who are willing to donate, as far as our ability will allow us. money for the promotion of the general trade and interests of On the right of the platform was a ban-ner, on which was " "ribed the words: "The Republican party stands for an honest dollar, and the way to earn it," and on the left was another banner, bear-ing the words: "William McKinley-Pros-perity's Advance-Agent." of the general trude and interests of Richmond. It has been called to our attention that it would be very dam-aging to the "jobbing" interests of Richmond, through the sections of country that you propose running the popular excursions from inasmuch as The anti-Platt element was present in considerable force.

Major L. H. Jerome called the meeting to order, and nominated General Wager Swayne for chairman.

General Swayne received a most enthumost of the points are very near to Richmond, the majority of the mer-chants along the line buying most of their goods from the jobbers of our

siastic greeting. He denounced machine politics, and said McKinley was against the machine. Governor Morton's name was hissed once when General Swayne While we would naturally wish to while we would naturally wish to build up the retail trade of Richmond, we think they are generally successful, and consumers of goods, we believe, would be the principal patrons of the excursions. We do not wish in any manner to withdraw our proposition to donate the amount of \$10, but we must mentioned it, but the speaker quickly repressed the hissing, and said that Governor Morton had rendered valuable service to the State. He said that it had been hoped that the name of Governor Morton had been hoped that the name of Governor Morton hoped that the name of Governor Morton Herman hoped that the name hoped that the name hoped that had been hoped that the name of Gover-nor Morton would go before the national convention without any opposition, but that hope could no longer be sustained, as McKinley was the choice of the country. General Swayne said that a combination of machine proprietors had become a threatening aspect in the situ-stion. But the Penablican party did not say that we can in no manner what-ever hereafter lend our aid, either finan-cially or otherwise, to your proposed scheme for the promotion of retail trade in our city. writer did not thoroughly investi-

gate these points when we wrote you a few days ago, offering our aid to the extent of \$10. extent of \$10. Kindly have this communication pub-lished in the same papers that pub-lished our offer of assistance to your

undertaking. Answer by bearer whether or not you will do so.

In addition to the above, we desire to state that we have no retail business

whatever. Very truly yours,
WATKINS HARDWARE CO.,
(C. H. Watkins, President).

Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, AT ROANOKE, VA., MARCH 25 to APRIL 1, 1896;

RICHMOND TO ROANOKE, AND RE-TURN, \$7.10,

against the machine through McKinley."
The name of Governor McKinley was received with the greatest enthuslasm, and was cheered again and again. General Swayne then introduced Senator Frank D. Pavey, who reviewed briefly the history of the Republican party and its more prominent leaders, and then told how William McKinley was admitted to the ranks of the Union soldiers by John C. Fremont, and traced McKinley's career thenceforward to the present time. via Petersburg and the Norfolk and Western railroad—the only direct line. Trains leave Richmond (Byrd-Street Station), daily at 9 A. M., and 11:20 P. M. Tickets on sale March 23d to 28th, good to return until April 3, 186. For full information apply to the Richmond Transfer Company; H. D. Owen, ticket agent, Byrd-Street Station; or at company's office, No. 83 east Main street.

R. W. COURTNEY,
District Passenger Agent.

HAS BEEN SHAMMING.

Alexander Carr, Who Murdered James King, Makes the Confession.

A YEAR'S FEIGNING OF INSANITY. Longer, However, and He Makes a Clean Breast of His Dissimula-

ATLANTA, GA., March 23.-Alexander Carr, who is to be hanged here on Fri-day, confessed to-day that he has been shamming insanity for more than a year, He shot and killed James King in August. tended to be insane, He was twice examined by experts, who pronounced him sane. He allowed his hair to grow long, and never spoke to any one except his lawyers. He has had two trials, and was convicted both times, and has twice been sentenced to death. The strain became too great on him as the day of his execution approached, and this afternoon he sent for Sheriff Barnes and con-

The Sheriff took a witness with him-Carr was having his hair cut at the time the Sheriff and his companion arrived. Mr. Barnes spoke to him, and said: "Carr, you are looking unusually well to-day."

to-day."

"Yes," replied Carr, "pretty well for a man who has undergone what I have."

The barber stopped his work, and Carr, almost as straight as he was when he fired the fatal shot at Captain King, sat back in his chair and said: "I have been looking forward for a long time for the coming of Friday. I was not afraid to die, and am not afraid now. But I want time to prepare to meet my God."

He then requested the Sheriff to send Rev. Mr. Vaughan, chapiain of the jail, to him. He then related his experience with the doctors who recently examined him.

Looking at the Sheriff with a suspicion of a smile on his face, Carr pointed to a hole in the wall and said: "Mr. Barnes, have not you been watching me through that hole?"

takes naught, but that I can by diligence regain. What robs me of health makes me poor indeed. Dr. David's Cough Syrup drives from the system Coughs. Colds, Bronchitis, Consumption, and Croup—thieves of health.

Readable Poetry.

The mouse ran after the farmer's wife; She cut off his tail with a carving-knife! It made the ole 'oman feel so good She bought a box of "Victory" Food. The result was that she got @ per cent, more eggs, and the young chickens increased so fast that she was compelled to build new quarters. This is the usual cry when Polk Miller's Victory Poultry Food is used. Twenty-five cents; all merchants.

POLK MILLER DRUG COMPANY.

It there is a better cure for Coughs and Throat and Lung Trodoles, Croupy Chil-dren, and Hacking Coughs than Dr. David's Cough Syrup we never saw it.

We take pleasure to announce that Mr. S. HISCHFELD, from Philadelphia, is with us for several weeks, and will RESILVER MIRROR PLATES of any size and style. He has an experience of thirty years, and a chance is given the Richmond people that they should avail themselves of. All work guaranteed for the years.

five years.
THE CRAIG ART COMPANY, The Forthcoming Message will recommend for La Grippe, Coughs, and all Threat and Lung Diseases Dr.

David's Cough Syrup. COUGHS, HOARSENESS, SORE THROAT, etc., quickly relieved by Brown's Bronchial Troches. They surpass all other preparations in removing hoarseness, and as a cough remedy are pre-eminently the best.

WASHINGTON, March 25 .- Fors.

SNOW cust for Tuesday : Virginia : Snow; colder in southern portion; north to easterly

North Carolina: Rain, possibly turning to snow; colder in northern and western portions; winds becoming northerly. South Carolina: Rain; decidedly colder in northeastern portion; winds becoming northerly.

The pressure is above the normal throughout the country, except in the extreme Northeast.

It is still snowing on the Middle and North Atlantic coast, and is cloudy in the South Atlantic and Guif States, There

has been a heavy fall in temperature in the Middle and North Atlantic States. For Tuesday snow is indicated in the Middle and North Atlantic States, and rain in the South Atlantic States.

temperature will remain low in the North

Atlantic States. It will be decidedly colder in the South Atlantic States. was clear and fair during the morning, fol-lowed by clouding skies in the afternoon

and a decided fall in the temperature. Rain, snow, and hall tell at intervals during the night, State of thermometer: A. M.